

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 357

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joshua Edward Michael,
2003 Valedictorian of Brighton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Edward Michael is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Brighton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Joshua has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 3.98 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Joshua has shown remarkable talent in many academic fields: he earned the highest average grade in Mathematics, Science, and English; he was named Student of the Month on several occasions; he received the Gold President's Award; and he was named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Joshua won the "Life Smarts" State Competition; placed third in the Tennessee Science Bowl; twice won the Tennessee 4-H Electric Project District Competition; placed fourth in Geometry at the Dyersburg State Community College Mathematics Competition; and performed extremely well in four years of competing in the ExploraVision Contest, earning honorable mention three years, and placing in the top six of more than 12,000 contestants during his freshman year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his stellar academic achievements, Joshua has been involved in a number of activities throughout his high school career, including the National Honor Society, which he served as President; the Yearbook, which he served as Editor-in-Chief; the Science Club, which he served as President and Vice-President; the ExploraVision Team, which he served as the Captain; the Science Bowl Team, which he served as Captain; the Spanish Club; the Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America; and the Business Professionals of America; and

WHEREAS, he was a Delegate to Tennessee Boys State and the Student Congress on Policies in Education; and

WHEREAS, Joshua also served his community by designing and preparing a Veterans Day Memorial, collecting toiletries for the Carl Perkins Center for abused and neglected children, collecting funds for the Angel Tree, and designing and painting a mural at a local funeral home; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joshua's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to attend the University of Alabama, where he will study aerospace engineering; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Edward Michael's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Brighton High School Valedictorian, Joshua Edward Michael, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.